

GIVES LIFE ANNUITY TO WIFE

Henry Gordon Strong of Onwentsia Club Makes Odd Compact.

NO DIVORCE IN PROSPECT.

Husband Says They Are Happy; Plan to Facilitate Finances.

Lake Forest society was given occasion to sit up and take notice yesterday when two people, well known residents of the suburb, filed for record a compact which in other cases might be expected to accompany proceedings for a legal separation. But in their case it is nothing of the sort.

The parties involved are Henry Gordon Strong and Mrs. Margaret Hubbard Strong. Mr. Strong is a son of Gen. Henry Strong and a member of the Chicago Union League, and Onwentsia clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Strong reside in Lake Forest and at present are making their home at the Onwentsia club.

By the terms of the compact, which was placed on record, Mr. and Mrs. Strong both release all dower or inheritance rights from each other, while Mr. Strong agrees to pay to his wife \$4,000 a year for the first ten years after July 1, 1908; \$4,500 a year for the second ten years, and thereafter \$5,000 a year until her death.

Just Wifely "Pin Money."

Rumors of a separation of the Strong's, arising out of this transaction, were denied emphatically at the Onwentsia club last night, Mr. Strong declaring that the arrangement was to "facilitate" his wife's financial affairs. He said that Mrs. Strong goes to Europe alone frequently and that he wanted her "to be able to manage her own affairs and not be left utterly helpless."

"My wife and I are living together at the Onwentsia club," said he. "We always have lived together and I hope that we always will live together. We are perfectly happy and there is nothing to this rumor at all. I am much disgusted with this story to the effect that the agreement implies a separation. I consider it an every day occurrence for a man to turn over property to his wife."

Mrs. Strong was interviewed. "My husband and I are all right," was her comment. "There's simply nothing to any story about a separation."

In detail, the agreement provides that payments shall not be canceled by the death of Mr. Strong, but shall continue an obligation on his estate. They shall cease in the event of the death of Mrs. Strong.

Penalties for Being "Shy."

Should Mr. Strong fail to make the payments contracted to be made, all payments shall then be due, it being necessary only for Mrs. Strong to demand the payment past due and give thirty days' grace, when she can demand the settlement of the entire contract. In such a contingency the amount of money she is to receive is to be determined on an actuary's expectancy of life table, as applied to her age at the time of the default of payment. Mrs. Strong, in those circumstances, is to receive an amount equivalent to the principals at the times due and an additional amount sufficient to net her 4 per cent during her expectancy of life.

As security for the delivery of the payments contracted, Mr. and Mrs. Strong have given to the Northern Trust company a trust deed to three parcels of property, namely:

Evanston avenue, 235 feet southeast of Wilson avenue, west front, 100x88 feet, subject to an

incumbrance of \$10,000, held by the National Fire Insurance company.

Robey street, 99 feet south of Milwaukee avenue, east front, 48x66 feet on the north, and 11.5 feet on the south.

Northwest corner of Chicago avenue and Paulina street, south front, 100x118 feet, subject to an incumbrance of \$19,000, held by the Provident Life and Trust company of Philadelphia.

BIG SHOE FOR "BILL TAFT" ROAMING OVER THE COUNTRY.

Tied to Back of Train and Labeled with Hundreds of Cards, It Begins Nation Wide Trip.

New Orleans, La., July 27.—There arrived today on a Southern Pacific train a large shoe directed to "Bill Taft, Washington, D. C." The shoe, which is about a No. 14 in size, is reported to have come all the way from San Francisco and to have been started on its journeys by railroad employes.

It will be sent out of here tied on the rear of an Illinois Central train as soon as the employes of that road frame up a message to the republican nominee.

On its trip from San Francisco the shoe has had attached to it several hundred cards by railroad employes at various stations. Some of these greetings to Mr. Taft are complimentary, some are ironical, and some are intended to be funny. They are from both friends and opponents politically.

NEW OIL SUIT IS PLANNED.

Conference to Be Held Between Attorney General and Trust Buster Kellogg.

Lenox, Mass., July 27.—An important conference, presumably regarding new action to be taken by the department of justice in the Standard Oil cases, is to begin here tomorrow.

Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte has arranged to have Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota, who conducted the former prosecution, and a number of officials of the department of justice in Washington come to Lenox for a discussion of the situation arising from the recent decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago, reversing the finding of Judge Landis against the Standard Oil company.

A large suite of rooms, including a general council room, has been reserved at the hotel with accommodations for ten men for several days. Attorney General Bonaparte tonight declined to make any statement regarding the matter.

WAGONFUL OF SHOES STOLEN.

Mounted Policeman Gives Chase and Recovers the Property, but Thief Makes His Escape.

A wagon containing twenty cases of shoes, valued at \$2,000, stolen at Clinton and Adams streets yesterday, was recovered an hour later, but the thief escaped.

The wagon, owned by the E. E. Walsh Transfer company, was conveying shoes for the Florsheim Shoe company, 75 Jackson boulevard.

Mounted Policeman Morris McMahon saw a man driving the vehicle in Polk street near State street and was about to seize the reins of the horse when the driver sprang from the wagon and dodged between a number of freight cars at La Salle and Polk streets and escaped.